2014

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Mt. Pisgah Elementary School
KERSHAW COUNTY
Grades: K-5   **Enrollment:** 123
Principal: David Branham Jr.
Superintendent: Frank E. Morgan, Ed.D.
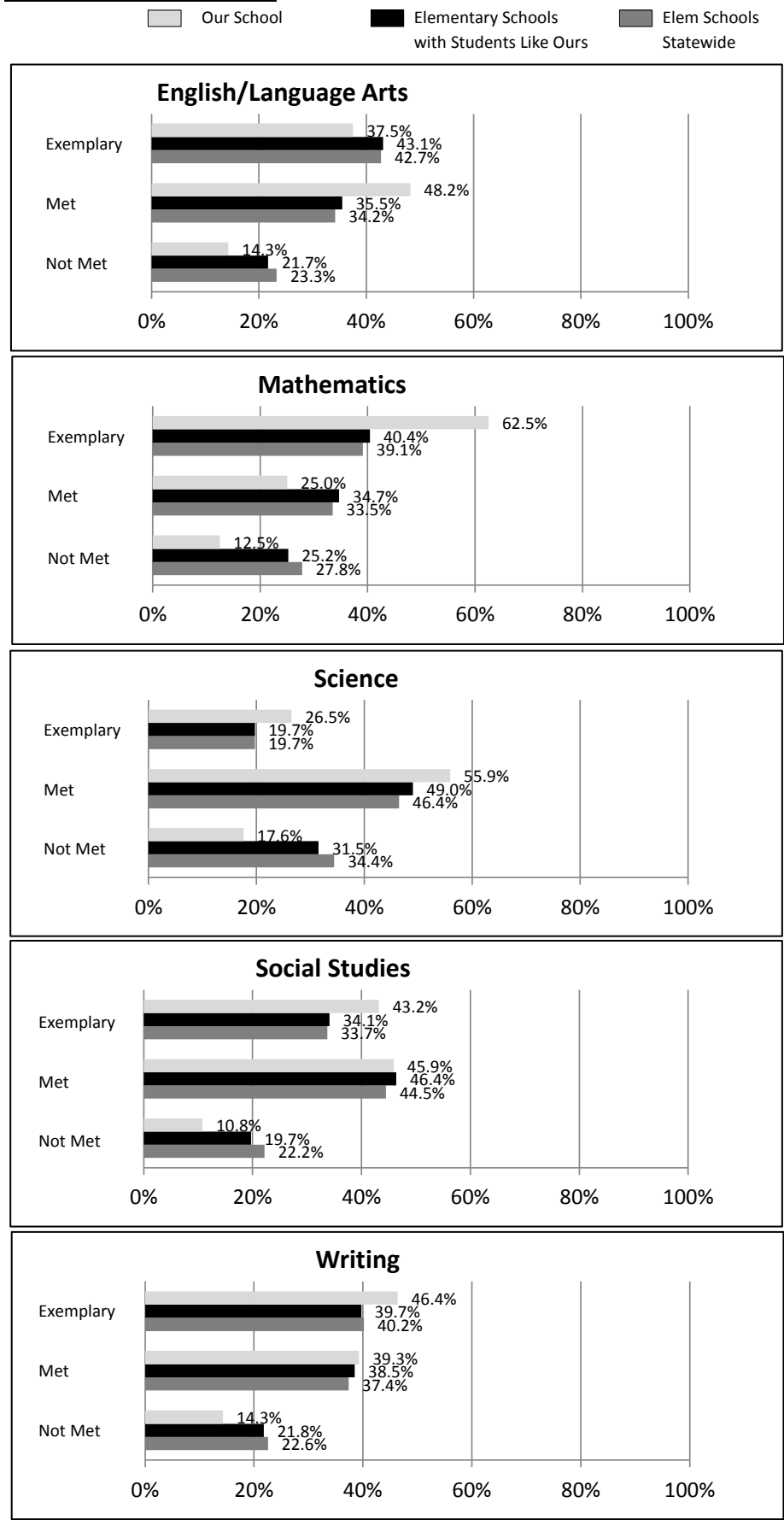**Board Chair:** Mara H. Jones

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	A	Reward
2013	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	B	Reward
2012	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	A	Reward

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
27	53	42	2	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE

Legend: Our School | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Elem Schools Statewide

English/Language Arts
- Exemplary: 37.5%, 43.1%, 42.7%
- Met: 48.2%, 35.5%, 34.2%
- Not Met: 14.3%, 21.7%, 23.3%

Mathematics
- Exemplary: 62.5%, 40.4%, 39.1%
- Met: 25.0%, 34.7%, 33.5%
- Not Met: 12.5%, 25.2%, 27.8%

Science
- Exemplary: 26.5%, 19.7%, 19.7%
- Met: 55.9%, 49.0%, 46.4%
- Not Met: 17.6%, 31.5%, 34.4%

Social Studies
- Exemplary: 43.2%, 34.1%, 33.7%
- Met: 45.9%, 46.4%, 44.5%
- Not Met: 10.8%, 19.7%, 22.2%

Writing
- Exemplary: 46.4%, 39.7%, 40.2%
- Met: 39.3%, 38.5%, 37.4%
- Not Met: 14.3%, 21.8%, 22.6%

NAEP*

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING - GRADE 4 (2013)

	Below	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
South Carolina	40	32	22	6
Nation	33	33	26	8

% Below Basic | % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

MATH - GRADE 4 (2013)

	Below	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
South Carolina	21	44	30	5
Nation	18	41	34	8

% Below Basic | % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

SCIENCE - GRADE 4 (2011)

	Below	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
South Carolina	28	38	33	1
Nation	29	39	32	1

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SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 123)				
Retention rate	1.6%	Down from 1.7%	1.1%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.4%	96.4%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	8.1%	Up from 5.0%	7.6%	7.3%
With disabilities	6.5%	Down from 10.7%	13.4%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	3.3%	Down from 4.1%	2.1%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 7)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	85.7%	No change	60.7%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	85.7%	No change	83.3%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.3%	Up from 77.7%	89.1%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	97.4%	Up from 96.0%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	$52,882	Down 2.8%	$48,237	$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	7.9 days	Up from 6.1 days	10.4 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.8 to 1	Up from 20.0 to 1	19.8 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.7%	Up from 90.5%	90.4%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	93.5%	Down from 98.5%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	$8,796	Up 3.1%	$7,448	$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.3%	Up from 65.0%	67.5%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.8%	Up from 64.0%	66.5%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	98.7	Up from 86.9	87.1	85.7

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	7	23	14
Percent satisfied with learning environment	-4.0%	91.3%	92.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	-4.0%	95.6%	92.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	-4.0%	100.0%	85.7%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

At Mt. Pisgah Elementary, we "Expect the Best and Accept Nothing Less" from our students and staff. The mission of Mt. Pisgah Elementary School, with its strong family and community support, is to meet the needs of each individual student by providing a positive, challenging, and safe environment that facilitates success, promotes lifelong learning, and develops responsible citizens. All of our stakeholders at Mt. Pisgah Elementary are focused on this mission.

Our 2013-2014 year had many successes for our school. In 2013 Mt. Pisgah Elementary received an "B" on the Federal Accountability Report. This means that Mt. Pisgah's academic performance exceeded the state's expectations. Mt. Pisgah was named a Title I Reward School of Performance in 2013. We received an Absolute Rating of Average on our SC Report Card.

The 100 Book Challenge was successfully implemented in Kindergarten and 1st grade. Students in these grades logged over 3,200 hours of reading at home. Our school library circulated over 20,000 books this school year. We continue to use SuccessMaker and Math IXL software in the computer lab to provide students with the opportunity to focus on academic areas that need improvement. Learning A to Z is used to provide small group reading focus time to our struggling readers at each grade level. The Brag Tag program was implemented this year to recognize student achievements. All of our students participated in the Kershaw County 4H program this year.

The professional development for our staff focused on literacy across all grade levels. The Literacy Matters program allowed teachers to receive professional coaching in the areas of reading and writing. Teachers focused on using data from STAR and MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) to individualize instruction. Technology is integrated into the classroom through the use of laptops, iPads, interactive whiteboards and document cameras. Our computer lab was fully refurbished with new desktops and headphones.

Our PTO, SIC, and community are a vital part of the success of our school. Several events such as our Ram Jam and Christmas Program were successful due to the hard work of PTO and parent volunteers. Our community volunteers were integral in helping with our Brag Tag celebrations this year. Mt. Pisgah students participated in several community service projects such as raising money for the Kershaw County American Red Cross, American Heart Association and Relay for Life.

As we head into the 2014-15 school year, we plan to remain focused on literacy and individualized student instruction. We will continue to create a safe and nurturing environment for all of our students. The faculty and staff at Mt. Pisgah are dedicated to preparing our students for academic and personal success.

David Branham Jr., Principal

Jana Vincent, School Improvement Council Chair